Legal Title
Wildlife Restoration Fund

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 282, Statutes of 1979
Fish and Game Code sections 1300-1375
Business and Professions Code section 19632

Fund Classification
GAAP Basis
Governmental/Capital Projects Funds

Legal Basis
Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

Purpose
The law authorizes the Wildlife Conservation Board to acquire lands and construct facilities suitable for recreation and adaptable for conservation, propagation, and utilization of fish and game resources.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Wildlife Conservation Board/Org 3640

Major Revenue Source
Section 19632(a) of the Business and Professions Code provides for payment of $750,000 into the fund each year from license fees for conducting horse racing meetings. Proceeds from the rental, lease of sale of land, and from repayment of loans made for the development of public access land as stated in Fish and Game Code Section 1350.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Pursuant to Government Code 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority
Moneys in this fund are available upon appropriation by the Legislature.
Exception: The $25 million appropriated in Chapter 395, Statutes of 2000 to the San Francisco Baylands Restoration Program Account is hereby continuously appropriated.

State Appropriations Limit
Included – Revenues in this fund are proceeds of taxes which are included as SAL revenues. The major revenue source for this fund does not have a logical, direct relationship between the use or purposes and the payers from whom it was collected.

Comments/Historical Information
Chapter 1828, Statutes of 1959 added the Business and Professions Code, section 19632.
Chapter 319, Statutes of 1963 continued the fund into existence.
Chapter 395, Statutes of 2000 provided a transfer of $25 million from the General Fund to a San Francisco Baylands Restoration Program Account in this fund.